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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting:

a. there was a rather lengthy discussion around the table about the necessity for better public relations within the Government. The Director feels very strongly that we do not get credit for a lot of good intelligence we collect because we sit on it too long and are too security conscious. While no final decision was made the Director instructed [REDACTED] to study this matter very carefully and emphasized that he felt that the scales, with public relations on one side and security on the other, were way out of balance at the moment in favor of security.

b. The Director had a cable [REDACTED] which mentioned an interview with Mr. Thomas Scott of the Senate Appropriations Committee Staff and he asked me to advise him as to what [REDACTED] was doing about this.

c. Mr. Sheldon raised the question of "security" in the Old State Building. He pointed out that there was no real security system in effect in the building and that people like Gordon Gray, Dr. Killian, etc., had information in their files which was extremely sensitive, including the most sensitive data in and about CIA. He said that he and Colonel Edwards were making a study of this problem and I assume that they will make some recommendations about it before long.

2. I talked to Matt Baird and [REDACTED] about the erection of four quonset huts [REDACTED] in a secluded location to take care of a dozen or so [REDACTED] personnel for about five months. I authorized Matt to go ahead with this Project without further clearance with the Bureau of the Budget. Tom seemed to question the determination that this training could not be carried on in [REDACTED] and blamed the Office of Training for this decision. He also did not understand why DD/P rather than OTR had to put up the \$30,000. With regard to the first question I told him that it had been my understanding that [REDACTED] the DD/P Case Officer on this Project, had made, or participated in, the final decision and that insofar as the latter point was concerned OTR did not have the funds and DD/P would have to provide them if they wanted us to undertake this construction.

3. I attended the Project Review Committee Meeting where the Technical Services Staff's request for [REDACTED] was considered as well as the over-all Office of Scientific Intelligence Research and Development Program. With regard to the TSS Project the PRC directed that TSS make a study of their entire R&D Program and establish a priority for this particular item. Their theory was that if it were not possible for TSS to add to the level of their existing Program they should say whether or not this

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4. Matt Baird briefed me on his recent trip to Harvard and said that he thought it was extremely doubtful that we would continue to get two slots at the School due to the fact that our second candidate was not making a good showing; apparently Alan [REDACTED] is doing very well whereas [REDACTED] is not.

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